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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

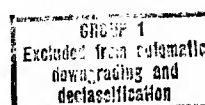
SUBJECT: Allen Dulles Estate Records

1. Mr. Larry Houston received a call from W. Carter Bowles this morning. Bowles stated that Mr. Metzdorf is in town and that they would like to come out to the Agency in order that Metzdorf could complete his inventory. Mr. Houston asked that I meet them and handle the visit.

2. I met Messrs. Bowles and Metzdorf in the Main Reception Room. Mr. Bowles stated that he could not stay but that he was anxious for the necessary determinations in connection with the Dulles papers to be made as expeditiously as possible in that the court is "breathing down their necks." I stated that the Category III as previously identified and defined by Mr. Houston is no longer in existence as reported in one of Mr. Houston's memoranda to Covington & Burling. I also told him that the papers are now in the process of receiving a final examination in order to determine which of the papers constitute government property and therefore would be retained by the Agency.

25X1A9a 3. Mr. Metzdorf and I proceeded to the papers which as of this time can be returned to the estate subject to final examination by [REDACTED] Mr. Metzdorf stated that he was interested in seeing only those papers of Category III which have been determined to be nongovernment property and unclassified. I called [REDACTED] 25X1A9a to determine where in the four file cabinets he placed these papers. During this calling process Mr. Metzdorf remarked that he certainly hopes that [REDACTED] kept these papers together so as to make them readily identifiable, because it is mandatory that his report be in the hands of the court by 30 November. After [REDACTED] identified the 25X1A9a folder containing those papers of current interest to Mr. Metzdorf,

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I asked him if he would like to speak to [REDACTED] He did and appeared completely satisfied that he has been given access to the necessary papers.

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4. I then advised Mr. Metzdorf that subsequent to his appraisal, an Agency representative examined the records and extracted some papers which bore a security classification. I asked him if he would like to see these papers. He answered affirmatively in that he may have included them in his appraisal; if so, it would be necessary for him to exclude them from his final report. I then made available to him five manila envelopes containing classified papers as follows:

Top Secret	19
Secret	82
Confidential	78
Restricted	23
CIA Internal and Official Use Only	7

5. I called Mr. Houston and advised him of Mr. Metzdorf's comment concerning the necessity for his final report to be in the hands of the court by 30 November. I also told him that I stated to Mr. Bowles that the papers are now in the process of final review to determine if any of them are, in fact, government property and must be removed. I apprised Mr. Houston of the comment made by Mr. Bowles to the effect that the court is "breathing down their necks" in order to complete its action in connection with the Dulles estate. I suggested to Mr. Houston that a memorandum from him to Covington & Burling may be in order in that any changes in the appraisal subsequent to court action would, no doubt, be much more difficult than before that point in the proceedings. Mr. Houston felt that a memorandum would not be necessary but that he would again reiterate our position in a conversation with Mr. Bowles within the next few days.

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